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New Year's Day at the White House-Sherman on Our Finances - He Dosn t Agree with the President-Synopsis of His Address.

From Our Special Correspondent

WASAINGTON, Jan. 6-The president has announced the composition of the Venezuelan commission, which will consist of five members. All have accepted, and the commission will assemble as soon as possible. The personnel of the commission is as follows; David J. Brewer of Kansas, associate justice of the suprem court of the United States; Richard H Alvey of Maryland, chief justice of the which had been anticipated with con court of appeals of the District of Colum siderable interest for some time, started bia; Andrew D. White of New York: Frederic H Condert of New York, and Daniel C. Gilman of Maryland president ing the honor and integrity of our country of the John Hopkins' University.

Judge Brewer the leading member of the commission, was born in Smyroa man said the president has mistaken the Asia Minor, in 1887. his father at that cause of our present financial condition in time being an American missionary to that country Judge Brewer is a graduate ficiency of revenue caused by the legisla of Yale, and studied law in the office of the last congress, and places the his uncle. David Dudley Field, in New officet before the cause, Mr. Sherman sald no other cause can be stated than that York City. In 1858 he left New York City and went to Kansas City, Mo., where below our expenditures, impaired confihe engaged in the practice of law, and de ce in our ability to maintain our curafterwards went to Leavenworth. Kansas, tency at par, and compelled the governwhere he practiced the legal profession He has been judge of the first judicial meet deficiencies. The senator said there court of the state of Kansas, and form is no other remedy for our financial duli 1870 to 1881 was on the supreme branch of cuities except to borrow money on the that state. He has always taken great interest in the educational matters, and at future wants, one time was president of the Kansas state board of education. In politics he is a republican, and was appointed associate. Notes once redeemed should only be rejustice of the United States supreme court issued for gold coin, and such reissue by President Harrison in 1889.

educator. He has traveled extensively in mor profitable and convenient notes of Europe and Asia, is an author of world, the United States. The resumption fund wide reputation, and in 1875 was elected should be segregated from all other first president of Johns Hopkins' Univer- moneys of the United States and paid out sity in Baltimore.

also distinguished as an educator. He is cales of indebtedness of small denominaa graduate of Yale University. He has tions at a low rate of interest, which would filled acceptaibly several prominent positions in his own state. He was United offices. State minister of Germany from 1879 till 881, and was also one of the United States commission to Santa Domingo, and aided once stop itchiness of the skin in any part of in preparing the report of that commis the body, that is absolutely rafe and neversion. For a short period during Harris failing, is Doan's Continent. Get it from son's schministration by son's administration be was American Minister to St. Petersburg

Judge Richard Henry Alvey is a native By E. W. Redman, a Former St. Louis of Maryland. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, and Leaving Grand Rapids, Mich. on the 8:20 accept the office of chief justice of the This the president was at first disposed to It was already about 20 stories high and that for that position to go to the south might create animosities.

of the most prominent legal firms in New storm struck us. The weather here reminds engaged in many famous cases.

celebrated here. The weather, as it al. course of social potentates of this country, quite a number of coal shafts can be seen. and all others, who in their finest array made their way early to the White House rest and awoke at 6 a. m., by my watch. Afon New Years' day. Promptly at 11 ter waiting about an hour I began to wonder o'clock the procession of diplomats, offic jals in their order, and distinguished citizens entered the Blue room, where they formed in line before Mrs. Cleveland as the passengers this morning as they rolled it was raining. I have had no use for an Mc corps, who moved past with courtly grace, accompanied by then wives and daughters, the various secretaries and attacker in attendance.

trimmed handsomely with lace, and wore buckles of diamonds as ornaments. Mrs at this point is about 300 feet wide. Olney, who stood next, wore gray bro Raton, New Mexico. Wednesday afterwhite wik; Mrs Harmon, Mauve brocade; inches on the product. At Frinidad, Colora-

Miss Herbert an imported gown of blue brocade and chiffeu; and Miss Morton, wine co lord silk and lace.

The ladies of the Diplomatic corp costly costumes that harmonized ell with he gorgeous full dress of the representaive of nations. Col. Wilson made the presentations to the president, Lient. Git more to Mrs. Cleveland. On the entrance if the members of the supreme court Personnel of the Commission. Chief Justice Fuller led the court, secompanied by his wife and daughters, the other justices and their families and various notables following. Then came the -enators and representatives. Speaker It ed was accompanied by his churcher. The Army and Navy made a giorious showing with Major General Miles and Assjutant General Ruggles at the head Veterans, commissioners and lesser dig astanes followed in turn and then the general public surged into the vine garlander rooms and out again. New Years' day at the White House, as it always is, was ideal in its successful impression of stately democratic welcome.

> The Senate listende to a stirring debate list Friday, the bond question being the, main theme Senator Sherman a speech the financial discussion. Mr Shern an began by asserting that while congress would support the president in maintainin the field of diplomacy, it will not ap prove his recommendations on the more important subject of our financial policy and especially of our currency. Mr. Sherattributing it to the demand for gold for United States notes instead of the deunwise legislation reduced our revenues ment to sell bonds provided for the redemption of United States notes in order to best terms possible to pay current deficiencies and to provide administrativenue for

should be mandatory when coin is depost ted in the treasury. With this provision of law the scarcity of currency would create such a demand for it that gold would Daniel C. Gilman is distinguished as an be freely deposited in exchange for the only in redemption of United Utates notes. With such provisions of the law the tesumption fund could not be invaded to meet disciencies in the revenue. They Andrew Dickson White of New York is should be provided for by bonds or certifi be readily taken by the people through national banks, sub-treasuries, and post

A TRTP TO CALIFORNIA.

Boy.

re-elected in 1882. He was appointed there our baggage was transferred to the chief justice of the court of appeals of Dearborn station, from whence our train we failed to see them from the train, time was profitable spent, sight seeing in the "Windy City". The first visit was made federal court of appeals in the District of to Cooper & Siegel's immense department Columbia, upon the death of Chief Justice store, their Christmas display was very in-Waite of the United States supreme court, teresting. It is said that one can buy any during President Cleveland first term, the thing from a needle to a threshing machine president was urged to appoint Judge at their piace. Near by another of those sky Alvey chief justice of the United States plitting buildings is in course of erection. streets were all mud. As I write this, time Tuesday, 9:30 o'clock a. m., we are crossing us it appears to be raining very hard. Hard-Frederic C. Coudert is the head of one ly had I written the words before a fierce York, and has a world-wide reputation as moderate. Stock of all kinds are pasturing an advocate and an authority on internat in the fields. The most of the corn fodder the Bering Sea commission, and was busked and cattle and horses are turned in some kind of shrub. A good many mount highly complimented by the president of to feed it down. Hay appears to have been the French Republic for his work on that a good crop the past season. Very little commission. He is a brilliant author and timber is seen west of Chicago. Tuesday a shrewd advocate, and as a leader of the 430 o'clock p. m. we have crossed the Mo. New York bar for many years has been river, passed through Kansas city, and have been running since noon along the Mo. river We have at this moment just passed through a locality where over 300 fair sized stackes of hay could be counted from the train. We The birth of 1896 was triumphantiy are now West of Topeka, Kan. The ground continues to be very rolling, in places quite most invariable does, smiled over the con- billy. We are now near Osage City and

Wednesday morning. I had a good night's why it did not get day light sooner. It did not dawn upon me until about 8 o clock that our watches should have been turned back one hour at Dodge City. Quite a surprise met sisted by attractive matrons and pretty out of their berths and looked out over fields girls Secretary Olney, stationed at the of snow. It is now about 8 inches deep and left of President Cleveland, presented to still snowing. We are now in the state of him the various members of the Diploma. Colorado, passing through the Arkansas desire for them. yalley. The country is sparsely settled, due I suppose, to large individual holdings of but then, very little is required by propland. It is a beautiful looking country of unless they are invalids, lumber also is said rolling prairies with but little timber, large tracts of it are now under irrigation. A many wealthy people live here. C great deal of alfalfa is grown and stock rais- | to be a poor place for people with but little Mrs. Cleveland was beautifully gowned ing must be one of the chief industries of means. in white Moire, striped with violet satin. the farmers, judging from the number of

oute and velvet; Mrs. Lamont wore noon. It is will snowing, with about six

do we got our first view of the mountains Had the day been clear, we would have seen Pikes peak and the Spanish needles. A Frinidad the surface of the country changerom rolling prairies to small mountainand intervening valleys. Just after passin. brough Trinidad and until we reached the unnel we had a very heavy grade. The min was divided into two sections, two owerful becomptives taking the first sever maches, while the three rear conches proved imost too much of a load in places for one xtra large locomotive. The road-beds are well balasted and the curves and outer railso well adjusted that one hardly knows where be is counding a mountain, were it not the se often see from the rear cars the first secion shead. The mountains are covered with scrub pine, groase wood and sage brust unce leaving La Junta wlobe houses become nore numerous as we go south, many of which are inhabited by "Mexican Greasers." After leaving Ruton, we cross another

ong stretch of prurie, upon which large erds of cattle and horses are feeding with now and then a mule for company. One great surprise to me has been the entire absence of sheep, not one having been seen any married man who does not bring he this side of Chicago.

9:30 a. m. We are now at Wingate, New Mexico. The snow is still with us and the air is very cold, but the sun is shining brightly. Yesterday when writing I neglected to mention the fact that our route passed through a small place called Dorsey, the cene of ax Senetor Dorsep's stock raising scene of ix Sonator Dursey's stock raising venture and a little further on we passed through Maxwell City, located on the great "Maxwell land grant." At Laguna we had an excellent view of one of the noted Pueblo Indian villages of terraced adobe hus. Just before reaching Coolidge, N. Y. we passed over the continental divide. Near Wingate we got a view of Fort Wingate, where U. S. troops are stationed. At Gallup we pas-through a prominent coal mining district we also had a view at this place of several Navijo Indians, with blankets wrapped around them, of their own manafactore, which they were trying to sell. Upon being which they were trying to sell. Upon being asked how much they wanted for one an old foods in the stomach. A locent trial bottom asked how much they wanted for one an old foods in the stomach. A locent trial bottom will convince you of its merit, and these you can obtain through all droggists. four fingers extended, meaning five dollars.
He did not sell any to our passengers. To
the north and south of here are several
Indian reservations. The soil of the villege

Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Office. through here appears to be composed mostly of albeelay. One road runs at such an aititude that the tops of the mountains, which we see from the train, appear more ike foot hills or, in the east, good sized hills, They are mostly rocks with a little covering of soil in which grows scrab cedar. The valleys, when not cultivated, are covered more or less with sage brush. At this point solid rock towers vertically about 400 feet above as, it looks quite picturesque,

Thursday, 2 o'clock p. m. As we pass through Holbrook we see a sample of the petrified trank of a tree taken from the petrified forests, which are twenty miles south of here, called chalcedony park, where millions of tons of chalcedony, agate and amethyst are to be found.

Thursday, 3 p. m. We have just passed through Winslow, Arizona; this is a small town with a pleasant outlook. To the north abou 70 miles the mountain peaks, which border the Grand Canon of the Colorado river, lift up their heads far above the sur-rounding plains. To one fresh from the east they appear about five miles away. A little to the north of Winslow is the moqui Indian reservation, where the famous snake dances are performed. They handle the most poisonous reptiles with impunity. Of course, at the conclusion of their performances strong antidotes are taken. A great many cattle and some horses are killed by the rail road through here, owing to absence of fences, every few minutes a carcus is seen thrown to one side of the track. At 1:25 p, m. I sighted the Twin peaks of snow-covered San Francesco mountains. I said to my seat mate "There is a fine mountain about one mile ahead of us," we will reach them about five o'clock. We are looking now at some mountains of volcame formation. They are as black as coal. Two flocks of sheep and goats have been seen since we entered Arizona. An occasional coyote is seen by the passengers. At 3:30 we crossed Canon Diablo, a cut or washout in the plateas 225 feet deep, 550 feet wide and many miles long.

Friday, 9:30 a. m. Flagstaff was our next was elected chief justice of the for the cir o'clock a. m. train, we reached the III. It was there we passed the snow covered two peaks which we had sighted 100 miles back and thought it about one mile. Near Flagstaff are the ancient chiff dwellings, but of Marvland but soon after resigned to left at 10 o'clock p. m. The intervening there also tri weekly excursions are made to the Grand Canon of Colorado river the greatest wonder of the American continent. staff is located upon the mountains at an elevation of nearly 7000 feet. The scenery from it is grand. The surrounding mountfrom it is grand. The surrounding mount-sins are covered with pine forests which, together with the high attitude of the place. makes a great health resort. As we spec away from this beautiful spot darkness veloped us and it was not until about five o'clock the next morning that I awoke just in time to get a good view of the great cantido, but was detened by the fact that Judge more to follow. At Grand Rapids when we lever bridge, said to be the longest of its Alvey was a southerner, and it was feared left they had good sleighing, at Chicago the kind in the U.S., which spans the Columbia so named from the mountain peaks near by Near by is also a mojava indian village the rolling prairies of Mo. To the north of Since leaving the mountains near Flagstaff us it appears to be raining very hard. Hard. we have also left all trace of snow. We are now crossing the great Mojava desert. The air is cool at this time of the year. Although judging from the double roofs on all the stations we pass a potion of the year is not enough to suit even a Tartor. We have a fine view of the mountains on either side of The soil of the valleys is composed of a ional law. He served with distinction on is left standing in the field after the corn is coarse sand, covered with a scanty growth of ains blackened by lava is seen. One extent crater was noticed from which in times passed lava had flowed 20 miles away. It e in ridges as though it had been drawn out by wagon and dumped. We are nearing Daggets, the station for the rich Calico mining destrict and for "Deaths Valley"

1:15 p. m. We are just passing through Hesperia, everything here indicates a new country. Alfalfa is green, strawberry, plants luxurient, the plains covered with scrub cedar and yucca plants and the weather like summer in the east. Miles of worthless land, when without water, but when it can be irregated it can be made luxurient with vegetation as cultivated spots here and there

At Pasadena. The ride through Cajou Pass, the point where we pass over the San Bernardins range of mountains and enter semi tropical Cal., was grand beyond discription of my pen. As we neared San Bernadino we got our first glumpse of the beautiful orange orchards loaded with ripen ing fruit, scores of flowers load the air with overcoat since arriving. I have seen child-ren barefoot on the streets. There are thousands of bushels of oranges all around us, in fact they are so plenty I have lost all

Fuel, kerosene oil and gasoline are high to be high, nearly everything else is about

When I have had time to look around and cattle and horses one sees in the fields. We have just crossed the Arkansas river, which I found the children healthy and strong and growing like weeds. May is at present quit than when she left Grapil Randa

Yours Train.

State News

Wolverine, in the southern part of Che soygan county, will have a newspape

The recent Arnold murder trial at Mar shall will cost the county a neat sum. The jury fees alone amounting to nearly \$750

The Sault Ste Marie conneil has passed curies ordinance and her after the chibren of that city mus be at home by 9 p

A state former's institute will be beb a Howell January 30 and 31 Severa noted speakers, among themex Gov. Luce are on the programme

The lyceum in a Beady school distric in Kalamazao canaty will debate the un usual question: "Should the men built the fires in the morning?"

The advocates of local option in Clinton county have organized for a school house campaign provious to the special election to be held in the future. The factories of Ownso do a good thin:

for the town when they refuse to employ family to that city to live: Albion people have taken to drinking milk freely on account of its exceeding cheapness. There is a war on between the

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One day last week a hearty, red faced woman in a floring bonnet came in with a little girl. She looked about with an air of proprietorship. "Katie," she said, pointing at a figure

in plaster, "luk at the planified man! Another inquirer after knowledge asked a guard if Rophael's "Transfiguration" represented Christ in his various stages from birth to death. "I want to see Nich," said a man re

cently in Director French's office. The director couldn't understand "Why, Nieb, Nieb, said the man impa-

tiently. 'the weenen that cried so much "Oh, you mouth Night When he was shown the statue, he scemed

much affected gazing on it steadily for "It's the first time I've seen it," be said, with emotion. You see, I'm the in-ventor of the Ninh complexion wash-perhaps you've heard of it - and I've wanted

to see Nich for a long time "-Ch cago

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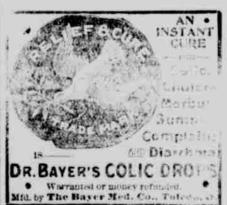


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